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Will visit Pocahontas County every spring and fall. The exact date of each visit will appear in The Times.

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night but an ember lures,

Let me believe, tho its light shall

fail, that love, that love endures!

HISTORICAL OUTLINE.

Memoriabilia of Huntersville and

Organization of the County.

PART III.

native of Pennsylvania, an

world. He tried to do good when

opportunities permitted, though

expecting any year might be the

ast. Mr Harris was in early life

about the same time. Summer

field's career was brief, but bril

liant and famous. Harris by com-

ing to the mountains had a caree

that was long, but useful, obscure

The first published notice

preaching services at Huntersville

cours in the diary of the Rev S.

B. Witt, a Baptist minister. He

and happy.

-The Bookman.

Belief. Greenbrier Counties, about 1823-When boughs are shaken of bloom and leaves drifting, too; would recall their first perfume and the sunlight sifting through; When fields lie barren without, and bitter frosts are come,
Bid me not hear the winds of doubt
that with the derkness roam.

dancing master very pointely suspended when time for preaching additional items and elicit correctour tions where errors may appear in the sermon. Soon as the preaching what has been written. When hours grow dim and gray, was over the class reassembled and and the song of the years is sung was over the class reassembled and Leave me the thrill of the dawn finished the lesson at a later hour. ing day in a heart that is young,

is young!
The hope be a blessom whirled, and time doth pillage and win,
Let me hearken the pulse of the world, and learn of the truth "September 18, 1824.—Preached to day at Huntersville to a considerable congregation. At this place there is a dancing school just commencing, and as soon as the meet Ay, tho my dreams shall pale while ing was over a greater part of the congregation returned to the ball room and commenced dancing. Oh, that I may be the honored instrument in the hands of the Almighty of bringing them to the knowledge of the Truth."

Dr Witt became a noted minis ter in Prince Edward County, and gatherel a church of seven or In regard to educational inter. eight hundred members on Sandy a chartered Academy was built preach the memorial sermon of a near the place now occupied by wealthy citizen who committed sui-Dr S. P. Patterson's elegant resi- cide on his wife's grave, a short dence. The names of the teachers, time after her death. The writer Pittsburg six or seven years ago, as now remembered, were J. C. led the singing of the hymns. Af. said that one of the most remarks-Hum, h ies, from Greenville, Aug. ter the services he was invited to ble iron regions yet discovered in usta; A. Crawford, from Browns- dine with Dr Witt by a mutual was held throughout the year,—an and spent his old age in a charm. tries of the earth.

malignant bronchial troubles. He is his son. in his preparation for the minis:ry were held in the Court - House. promise that he was called to do in 1842, it was used as a place of bis first preaching by a church in worship by Methodists, of all New Orleans. His charge has since branches, Episcopalian and Presbecome the foremost Presbyterian byterian. The Presbyterian church church in the city and achieved a afterwards became the place where I used to think my pa was jist national reputation under the min- all denominations generally woristry of Reverend Doctor Palmer, shipped. This building was erec-For a time it looked as if Mr ted about the year 1855. It was Harris were destined to be a pulpit used for barracks during the war star of the first magnitude. Nerv. and was much defaced. There ous prostration and bronchial af- seems to have been a soldier who fection disabled him, and he re- had a genius for vulgar doggerel. sorted to the Virginia mountains and the rhymes he wrote upon the as his forlorn hope for health. In walls would have made a genteel a few weeks after reaching Hun- dog blush if he could have made tersville he opened school and also them out. This genius evidently gathered a Sabbath - school. His had no good feeling for a characschool-room was in a building ter he called "Mudwall Jackson," near where the Methodist church and it is a complimennt to that ofnow stands, and was in after years ficer to have had the ill will of such

used by Dr Matt Wallace as a a rhymster. physician's office. After a sojourn In the early summer of 1865 the at Huntersville for a year or two, Rev M. D. Dunlap and W. T. Price his health improved a good deal. were engaged in the first sacramen-It was in his room at Holden's Ho- tal meeting held after the war. A tel, referred to as the military head detachment of Federal troops from quarters. W. T. P. saw for the first Buckhannon passed through the Of course, ma heard me lettin' go, time what a Greek Testament and town, rode around the church. Hebrew Bible looked like, and looked in at the broken windows. came to the conclusion that it examined the horses with critical would require something more eyes, and religious services were than human to be able to make any going on all the while without evsense out of books printed with en pausing. Sermon and sacrasomething that looked more like mental services over, Mr Dunlap, grammatical bug tracks and syste- who had rode in from the country matic fly specks than printed that morning and hitched his horse near the church, went to get his When Mr Harris left Hunters- horse and found it had been taken ville he went to Hampshire Conn. away as a "branded horse." In ty. There he married a lady of some previous raid this had been considerable wealth, and lived for left to die. Somebow it had come thirty years in an isolated mount. into Mr Dunlap's possession, and ain home, where it was high and put in excellent condition by kind dry. He had a fine library, the and careful treatment. The venerleading newspapers, reviews and able preacher had to return to his magazines, and kept well informed home at Hillsboro on a borrowed as to what was going on in the

Ten or eleven years since the Methodist church was built on its present site, and so for the present he town is well provided with failities for public worship.

considered the peer of Summerfield and both entered the ministry Three or four years ago the Maonic Fraternity of Pocahontas County, represented by the Huntersville Lodge, baving in its pale many of the foremost citizens of the county, needed a lodge room Arrangements mutually satisfactoy were made with the trusteeship the Presbyterian church, and he building was enlarged and revated in a very attractive sty odge, and the lower for preaching spent a year or two in pioneer

preaching in Pocahontas, Bath and services.

These memorabilia of Hunters 24. During the time of his first ville will now be brought to a convisit to Huntersville there was a clusion. These papers must be relancing, school on hands. The garded as tentative efforts to awakdancing master very politely sus en interest in local history, call out came, and took his scholars to hear tions where errors may appear in

Nature seems to have may marked Huntersville and vicinity as Here is an extract from Dr Witt's designed for something of more than ordinary importance. The lo-cality is approachable from the four quarters of the earth by valleys converging here. The beauty of the scenery everywhere display ed is something phenomenal in the view of all who have eyes to appreciate whatever is picturesque in mountains, forests and streams. The air is pure and exhilerating. Mineral waters abound in profussion, chalybeate, alum and sulphur. The most remarkable however are the arsenious-lithia fountains that bubble up in the Curry Meadow. in volume sufficient to meet the dets Huntersville has had some River. The writer, while a student needs of a world of health seeking good schools. About the year 1841 at the Seminary, heard Dr Witt people requiring the benefits of lithia remedies.

dress made by special invitation at village post-officer.

would have been this way:

he was a student of such brilliant Then when the Academy was built "In all the wide world there's no place so sweet As the vales of Huntersville where the bright waters meet."

Losing Faith in Pa.

as good as he could be, And I s'posed that he was smarter, ly or frequently written, and the sented itself. too, than most folks you see: When I was littler than I am used to tell my ma When I growed up to be a man 'd like to be like pa.

I used to think abody's ma When she got settled down But guess my ma do n't think that

way, Not very hard, becuz She seems to have so much to say Aginst the things he does.

One day I got some boards and nails and tried to build a sled. hopped around there on one foot, but it did n't stop a bit.

see if that 'd make it quit. And then she come and cried, And told me I had grieved her so And hugged me to her side, And said she wished that she wa

And then I thought I'd swear and

And in her grave before She heard me say what I had said When I had up and swore.

"Well, pa he swears that way some times," I answered ma, and then She cried some more, and said she hoped I never would again!
Not when I git to be a man as big

as pa?' says I,
And she says: 'No, becuz Old Nick
'll git him by and by." And once I tried to chew, and gee! But did n't I feel bad,

And ma she cried more worse than

I 'd never chew no more. Well, pa he chews,' I says to ma,

'and so, when I 'm a man, Growed up as big as he is, then I 'll bet you that I can!
And ma she said she hopes I won't chew, even when I 'm big, 'Becuz,' she says, 'a man that does

is nothing but a pig." It 's always that way when I say That I would like to grow
To be a man like pa, some day—
She hopes I won't you know—
And I wonder if they 're all that

nd I wonutway?

I wonder if your ma
Would rather have you always stay
So different from your pa?

—Cleveland Leader.

County Sketches.

XIV. THE POSTMASTER.

With that class of fortunate mortals who are favored with the sinecure of a government office, and longing to the patrons in a safe morandum of the sale. who handle our mails for a com- place, I suppose?" pensation, and are continually on official heads and retain their office with its emoluments, this article has nothing to do. He is familiar gether with circumstance, has ele- your place as postmaster." vated him to a desirable situation, Governor Flemming, in an ad- mysterions. That is the typical while,"

M. Harris, a young minister in gathered in a pastorate of nearly think that the poet who immortal. fire-place, and old Hugh, who had a public henefactor. roundings from Punkin Hill. It sable), would scrutinize each piece was one of the big cattle men of journey.

was highly appreciated too.

An over-confident young man, em. taken him up. on that section of country, bring- for them." ing dismay and trouble to many postmasters. Old Hugh Bradley

"My name is Powell, and I have have their consciences under good been sent here to inspect your of- control, he became firmly convincfice and investigate a complaint." ed that he had bought that drove "Well, you are an inspector then that day, and that he was in great There aint been one of you here ce the postoffice was astablished. weigh up to him at Jenkins' place

tribute the mail in a private room.' hand.

"No; I just spread it out down here before the fire, and if anybody

their good behavior to save their here you know, and I lays it out Hugh thought this a little strange

ad sort out theirn."

counts, studying the Postal Laws anyway, and I 'm gitting up in loss on a blank page of his patentand Regulations, taking care to years right smart, and it do n't medicine memorandum book and keep down the percent of mistakes; come handy to me anymore, and found it to be just \$186.48. selling stamps; post-marking let- my children 's scatterin' off to It had dawned on him sometime ters by beating a tattoo; and lock- theirselves. I do n't take the in- previously that he had been the ing himself up in his little post- terest readin' the postal keerds I victim of a low-down, dirty trick master's castle to "change the used to neither. It 'd be the great- but he and the two conspirators mail," and then handing forth the est accommodation to me if you kept very quiet about. The conletters with their messages of love, could kinder induce one of my struction that his friends put on it hate, or business, and all of them neighbors to take keer of it a- was that he was aging, and his

When the inspector saw that he do the buying thereafter. He re-The post-office Lastchance was had no terrors for the old man he pudiated their solicitude, told them not so elaborate an affair. It had he took another tack and went to they did n't know it all, and kept its home and official existence in different farm houses to find out his own counsel. the known world lies north east Hugh Bradley's sitting-room, and the sentiment concerning Brad. A year passed and the time burg, Virginia; Reverend T. P. W. friend, and was thus able to make and south west of Huntersville, all the mail received and the para-Magruder, from Maryland; J. W. his acquintance. The venerable with Huntersville near the heart of phranalia of the office was to be that everyone was exceedingly Hugh had been educated, had Price, and a Professor Miller, from man had not forgotten about the it. Should this be so, the future found on a shelf nailed against the grateful to and pleased with him paid for it, and wished to realize dance and mentioned the Poages of Huntersville is simply wonder- wall. The office had been estab- as postmaster. He came back and something on the investment. He To Huntersville is due the dis. and the Callisons as persons he ful as to possibilities, unless some. lished to accommodate the farmers spent the night with the postmas. laid a scheme along similar lines. tiuction of being the first place in well remembered. Dr Witt was thing be found out to supercede living in a fertile valley and on the ter, and reported that the office He owned a grazing farm on the Pocahontas where a Sunday-school quite independent, even wealthy, the use of iron in the future indus. adjacent mountains. The mail ar- was in trustworthy hands and that waters of Jumping Creek, and in rived three times a week. Then it was giving universal satisfaction that neighborhood was a postoffice "evergreen Sunday-school." Late ing country home in the limits of Persons who have made them- the contents of the mail-bag were adding that it was one of those like his own, kept by James Rosein the year of 1839, Reverend J. the grand congregation he had selves familiar with both vales, emptied on the floor before the cases in which the postmaster was berry, with whom he had had ma-

broken health, was advised to come thirty years duration. S. B. Witt, ized the Vale of Avoca would have been postmaster since the memory The citizens claiming Last- nificent drove of cattle had fattento the mountains as a relief for Jr., the eminent Richmond lawyer, changed his tune if he had ever of man ran not to the contrary, (if chance as their postoffice were all ed on the Jumping Creek place, looked over Huntersville and sur. that abstruse statement is permis- stock - raisers, and Hugh Bradly and he had been dickering with and pile it all together again on the valley. He had a magnificent was, as usual, about a quarter of a the shelf, and place what mail grazing farm and had in his time cent between them. there was in the bag for the return handled a great number of cattle Then Old Hugh went to see Mcas a buyer, but at the time of Afee and laid his plans before The neighborhood was not given which we speak he had in a great him. Without referring to the to letters. They received some pa- measure retired from the field and game at which he had been victimpers, but to the majority of them made a deal only when an ex. ized, he proposed that the same a letter was not a thing to be light- ceptionally good opportunity pre- kind of a trap be set for Roseber-

salary, he had the satisfaction of holding them for a better price him 4.30 for his cattle. knowing that he kept in touch than he had been offered. It was Roseberry had been offering 3.85 And purty soon I banged my thumb with the events of the neighbor- a very desirable herd and old and had been asked 4.10. Strange and Moses! how it bled! hood. Letters usually contained Hugh had made a pass or two at to say the scheme worked perfectthe nonsense of youth, and were of them. One September day he had ly for the second time. Roseberno interest to a business man any- ridden up to Jenkins' and looked ry came up and in the presence of way. On several occasions he had at the herd of big, fat bullocks, all several men offered to close the judged that the message on the of a uniform size. He had become bargain at 4.10. Old Hugh asked post-card was of sufficient impor- so enamored with them that he a day to consider, and sent to the tance to be forwarded at once, and had bid as high as 3.90 for them, office for his mail, telling Roseberhe had done the neighborly act of with Jenkids offering to sell at ry that he expected an offer from putting a boy on a horse and send- 115. This was the highest price Hiram McAfee. ing it along. And his kindness he had ventured to offer for any He received the postal card, decattle, and when he was out of posited it in his big leather pocket An inspector had a memorable sight of the tempting herd he felt book, and told Roseberry the catvisit to old Hugh on one occasion, very glad that Jenkins had not the were sold.

ployed in the noble capacity of That very evening when looking a letter worded as follows: hired man on one of the farms had over the mail that had come that written to ask his heart's desire to day he found a postal card to Jencorrespond with him, and she, as kins from Hiram McAfee, a wealmany prodent girls do, had chosen thy cattle man from the other end ariv in time as I was a consider the middle course of not answer. of the county. He had been to a offer of 4.10 from Mr Jeem And both of us was sad.

And then, when I was laid out flat, She knelt there on the floor.

And ast me if I 'd promise that

Oles of a deferred hope made the before but had not bought them.

Since then he had been to Baltisteers Oct 15 off of gras. You of more and he wrote to Jenkins: "If fer more than anybody else but I would have like to have got 4.35. pies of a deferred hope made the before but had not bought them. and an Inspector swooped down up Saturday I will give you 4.35

> that old Hugh thought necessary was in no wise overcome, however, to forward. On the contrary the The Inspector, used to seeing more he meditated on the matter country postmasters quail and get the more certain he became that as nervous as an old hen with a he had accepted Jenkin's offer to hawk in sight, was amused to see sell at 4.15. In a manner that is Old Hugh, that (execrably bad) how calmly he received the news. to be often noticed in men who luck and would sell to McAfee and and make a couple hundred dollars

This was not one of the postals

"I suppose you open and dis- without having to turn over his

The next day he took care to meet Jenkins at a sale and there sees anything that belongs to 'em remarked to him that he guessed they just reach and help them- he might as well pay him someselves," said the old man placidly, thing on the cattle to bind the "That 'll never do," said the in bargain at 4.15 Both parties were spector. "You keep the mail be very willing to sign a written me-

Saturday came and McAfee did "Well, yes, but I can't always be not appear at Lastchance. Old on you shelf and the folks come in and went to see McAfee, who would only offer him 3.90, After "That is very irregular. I am trying to sell the cattle for a to most of us. His natural worth, afraid I will have to report very month he finally was compelled to and his labors for his party, to- unfavorably, and you may lose weigh them up to a northwestern buyer at Jenkins' place for 3.94. It "Allright, mister, go ahead. The was the saddest day of the old and he is forever balancing ac-danged old office is lots of trouble man's life. He counted up the

sons were anxious that he let them

ny a trade in live stock. His mag-

ry. Now McAfee had been feel-

annual receipts amounted to very | One fall the cattle market show. ing very good for a year over the few dollars. Therefore the worthy ed signs of very little stability, hundred dollars that he had made postmaster could afford to be inde- The price of cattle ranged from the same way. He understood at pendent, and to be fully conscious three and a half cents to four and once, and admired old Hugh's asof the fact that he was accommo- a half cents per pound, and the tuteness in trying to recover by dating the neighborhood by giving price of droves sold to different the same game. The agreement Was always s'posed to think his pa bond and maintaining the post-people at different times varied was entered into. Old Hugh was Was the finest man in town; office. Another thing which afoffice. Another thing which af- considerably. There was a stock- to go on a certain day to his fected the revenue was the popu- raiser named Jenkins living about Jumping Creek place and remain larity af postal cards. They were six miles from Lastchance, who there a week or ten days superinvery convenient, and while their had a drove of sixty fine three-tending some brush cutting. Mcuse diminished the postmaster's year old cattle, and who had been Afee wrote a postal-card offering

McAfee was horrified to receive

"I accept your offer of four dol-lars and thirty cents a hundred for my cattle. Your postal card just ing the letter. Then the sick fan- look at Jenkins' cattle a few days have refuse as the cattle is sold to

> The cattle were weighed to Mc-Afee in due time, and for several years he worked mentally at the following calculation: Made on Jenkins cattle \$111; lost on Bradlev cattle \$304.20; total loss to me, \$193.20. Jenkins made \$111.00; old scoundrel, made \$82.20.

> A tutor who tooted the flute. Pried to teach two young tooters.

Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot, or
To tutor two tooters to toot?"